**River Godavari As National Waterway**

1293. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Transport Policy Committee, appointed by the Government has recommended that the river Godavari, among the waterways should be declared as national waterway on the lines of Ganges and Brahmputra;

(b) if so, whether any survey was conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Andhra State has requested the Union Government and National Inland Waterways Authority for declaring River Godavari as National Waterway; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be declared and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Detailed Hydrographic Survey and Techno-Economic feasiblity study for navigation in Cherla-Rajahmundry stretch of river Godavari were conducted during 1988-89. The investigations revealed positive potential of this river stretch for development as navigational route. It was estimated that 0.457 million and 0.805 million tonnes of cargo may use this water route during 2000 and 2005 respectively upon development of adequate navigational facilities on it. The estimated capital cost of development of the river stretch for navigation is Rs.60 crores at 1994-95 prices.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) At this stage it will not be possible to indicate the time frame by which the stretch can be declared as National Waterway.

**Posts in Medical Centre of Delhi University**

1294. DR. ARVIND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of medical officers and above in the medical centre of Delhi University;

(b) the number of posts out of them reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(c) the number of such posts of reserved category lying vacant at present ; and

(d) the reasons for not filling up such posts and the time by which the same are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**N.Hs in Bihar, U.P. and Delhi**

1295. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the time-frame indicated for National Highway projects in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi undertaken with the assistance of loans and grants-in aid given by the Asian Development Bank and Japan International Co-operation Agency;

(b) details of the progress made so far in the execution of these projects; and

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) The details are as under :-

(A) Asian Development Bank Loan Assistance

(i) State -Uttar Pradesh
Project - Four laning of Haryana Border to Mathura Section(Km 93.83 to 148.33) of National Highway No.2
Closing date of loan -31st March, 1997
(Extension sought upto - 31st March, 1998)
Progress - About 73%
Target date of completion - Dec, 1997

(ii) State - Bihar

Project - Four laning of Barwa Adda–Barakar Section (Km 398.75 to 441.44) of National Highway No.2
Progress - Mobilisation com-pleted.
Closing date of loan - 31.12.1999
Target date of completion - June; 2000

(B) Japan International Co-operation Agency

State - Delhi
Project - Construction of Second Nizamuddin bridge across river Yamuna on National Highway No.24
Progress - About 43%
Closing date of Grant-in-aid- March, 1998
Target date of completion - March, 1998.

**MBA Courses**

1296. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of institutions approved by AICTE for conducting MBA courses lack even basic amenities like buildings and libraries despite charging exorbitant fees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the defaulting institutions to safeguard the interest of students;

(c) whether the Government propose to streamline the MBA courses on the line of CA and ICWA courses; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (d) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has accorded approval to the institutions conducting MBA courses after the specified minimum norms and standards laid down by the council for this purpose were satisfied. No

specific instance of any approved institution not having the basic facilities like, building, libraries has been brought to the notice of the Council. The improvement of quality and standards is a continuous process. AICTE reviews from time to time the norms, standards and quality of various programmes approved by it. It is not felt necessary to follow the CA or ICWA pattern for MBA courses.

**Development of Cochin Port**

1297. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop the Cochin Port:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether container terminal at Cochin is due for development, if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether a super terminal for container terminal is planned at Vallarpadam Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) In the 9th Five Year Plan, it is proposed to take up the following major schemes in Cochin Port:–

- Replacement of Mattancherry wharf.
- Replacement of GHD Bolghatty.
- Deepening of channel upto 12.8 m.
- Installation of 1 No. 40 T Container Handling Gantry Crane.

In addition, setting up of a modern Container Terminal,construction of Liquified Petroleum Gas & Liquified Natural Gas terminal at Pathuvypeen, construction of multi-purpose berth at Low Wharf area and Conversion of berths Q6 & Q7 into container berth have been identified for private sector participation. Cochin Port has been asked to prepare feasiblity studies for a modern container terminal with possible location at (i) Cochin-Vallarpadam (ii) upgradation of existing Rajiv Gandhi Container Terminal.

**Nehru Yuva Kendras**

1298. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Nehru Yuva Kendras set up since the National Youth Policy was spelt out and number of villages still lift without a Nehru Yuva Kendra;

(b) the number of rural youth benefited so far from the various schemes sponsored by the Nehru Yuva Kendras;

(c) the modus operandi of these kendras; and

(d) the annual provisions and expenditure of these Kendras during 1994-95, 1995-96 and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) 204 Nehru Yuva Kendras have been set up after the National Youth Policy was spelt out in 1988. A Kendra is opened at the District level and not village-wise. At present 500 Kendras are functioning all over India under Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.

(b) Nehru Yuva Kendras in the districts conduct a huge number of programmes to motivate and encourage youth. Programmes like observance of National Youth Day/Week etc. does not have direct beneficiaries. However, information for the period 1988-89 to 1995-96 regarding such programmes where there are direct beneficiaries are as follows:-

| | Name of the Programme | No. of Beneficiaries |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Vocational Training Programme | 5,42,572 |
| 2. | Youth Leadership Training Programme | 2,53,877 |
| 3. | Training in Self-Employment Project | 94,548 |

(c) and (d) Nehru Yuva Kendras with the help of National Service Volunteers, undertake formation of Youth Clubs and motivate such youth clubs to undertake constructive activities at grass-levels. The annual budget provision and expenditure of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan during 1994-95 to 1996-97 are as under : –

(Rupees in Crores)

| Year | Budget Provision | Expenditure |
|---|---|---|
| 1994-95 | 17.14 | 15.23 |
| 1995-96 | 17.14 | 17.14 |
| 1996-97 | 17.14 | 17.14 |

*[Translation ]*

**Recruitment in Army**

1299. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recruitment of Army Jawans have been made in Mainpuri district of Uttar Pradesh during the last fortnight of December, 1996;

(b) if so, the number of youths found fit for the Army and the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any plan to start such drive in tribal/backward/rural areas of the country, particularly in the Chota Udaipur district of Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) A recruitment rally was organised in Mainpuri from 28-12-1996 to 03-01-1997. A total of 3282 candidates were screened during the rally out of which 47 candidates have been selected for despatch by 28-02-1997.